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Forty-first Spring Session held with the church at Howards Chapel, Stanly County, North Carolina on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1925.

Also the Ninety-Third Annual or Fall Session held with the church at High Ridge, Union County, North Carolina, on Saturday before first Sunday in October, 1925.

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PROCEEDINGS SPRING SESSION

Howards Chapel Church, Stanly County, N. C.
May 2, 1925.

Assembled at the Stand on church yard at 11 a. m. Introductory Sermon delivered by Elder W. C. Edwards, Text 1 verse of 99 Psalms. Intermission one hour for dinner.

At 1:30 convened in the house. Praise and prayer by Elder R. H. Pittman, visitor from Luray, Va. Then Elder Edwards took his seat and proceeded. .

1. Called for the Letters from the churches. These handed in and read by Brother H. M. Baucom and all messengers named seated:

2. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards moderator and J. W. Jones, Clerk.

At this juncture, Elder J. R. Wilson, who being present arose and stated that he made a mistake in Serving among us before his trouble at Danville had been investigated, which had caused some dissatisfaction and misunderstandings among our people and expressed his sorrow and regret of same and asked for foregiveness which was unanimously granted. Elders Hanks, Pittman and Cayce, all of whom were present stated that they fully believed the true identity of the church at Danville was with Elder Wilson and those who stood with him in the trouble there. Then Elder W. F. Pruett arose and stated that possibly he had caused some confusion here in our county and asked to be forgiven, which was granted.

3. Invited visiting brethren and sisters present from sister associations to seats. Elder J. A. Cave of Senter, and Elder W. C. McMillan of Tenn., Elder J. M. Royal and wife of Thurmond, N. C., Elders Lee Hanks, M. L. Einer and W. E. Cribbs of Georgia and Elders R. H. Pittman of Virginia and C. H. Cayce of Arkansas, Elder C. B. Kilby of Sparta, N. C., and Elders J. T. Lewis, J. S. Lewis and J. R. Wilson of Virginia, Elder W. F. Pruett of Ruffin, N. C., and Elder H. M. Williams and the two brother Bentleys of Silver Creek and the following brethren and sisters: T. A. Fender and wife of Mountain District; W. S. Shepherd of Mill Branch and W. L. Browning and wife and Sister Parris of Burlington, N. C. and brethren Chaney, Hawker and Terry from Virginia were present, seated

and welcomed. Minutes received and distributed from Senter, Mountain District, Fishers River, Roaring River, Silver Creek and Consolidated Tennessee and Nolachnckey.

4. Appointed on arrangement committee brethren P. A. Howard, W. M. Clontz, S. D. Outen with the Moderator and Clerk.

5. Elected the following ministers, Elders, W. C. McMillan, Lee Hanks, R. H. Pittman and C. H. Cayce to preach at the Stand tomorrow. Service at 10 a. m.

6. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Monday. Benediction by the Moderator.

Saturday evening preaching at Stand by Elders W. E. Cribbs, J. M. Royal and W. C. McMillan.

SUNDAY SERVICES, MAY 3

Opened with Praise and prayer by Elder Pittman. Preaching first by Elder W. C. McMillan, Text 14 verse of 20 chapter of St. Matthew, followed by Elder C. H. Cayce, Text, Show Thy Self Approved unto God, etc.

Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then preaching by Elder Lee Hanks (Did not get Text), followed by Elder R. H. Pittman who preached from matter found in Second Chapter of Tytus. The preaching all good and in demonstration of the Spirit.

MONDAY MORNING, MAY 4

Met pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder J. A. Cave.

7. Called on arrnagement committee to report. Report read and approved.

8. Called roll of messengers and noted absentees.

9. Called on corresponding messenger to Sister associations to report. None reported.

10. Called on corresponding messengers from Sister associations to report. Reports made by Elders W. C. McMillan, H. M. Williams and J. A. Cave.

11. Invited our visiting ministers and brethren present for expressions or comments. Elders C. H. Cayce, R. H. Pittman and C. B. Kilby expressed pleasure and comfort in the meeting.

12. Called on Presbyteries to report. It was reported that on Saturday before the Second Sunday in October, 1924, Elders B. L. Treece, L. J. Gresham and W. R. Helms formed a Presbytery at New Zion church and ordained brother Will A. Helms to the work of gospel ministry and also that on 16 day of October, 1924, Elders J. F. Mills, W. C. Edwards, B. L. Treece and D. S. Jones formed a Presbytery at Clarks Grove

Church and ordained brother Jason Eudy to the work of gospel ministry and also that on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in March, 1925, Elders W. R. Helms, Jason Eudy and some Deacons formed a Presbytery at Liberty Hill church and ordained brother John T. Crisco as Deacon.

13. That we return thanks to God for his mercy and to this church and people of the vicinity for hospitality during this meeting.

14. Read and approved above minutes.

15. Adjourned to time and place mentioned in last minutes.

Preaching Monday at the Stand by Elders Cave, Riner and C. B. Kilby.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Moderator.
J. W. JONES, Clerk.

MESSENGERS SPRING SESSION, 1925

Bear Creek—A. J. Furr, J. A. Barbee, H. Almond.
Bethany—Not represented.
Concord—J. F. Burrus, M. A. Helms, W. D. Furr.
Clarks Grove—Robt. Lee, Elder Jason Eudy, G. W. Barbee.
Crooked Creek—H. M. Green, Luther Williams, Gilbert Benton.
Freedom—L. M. Hinson, A. J. Deese.
Flat Lake—C. C. Hall, O. F. Haywood, C. E. Dennis.
High Hill—W. M. Clontz, G. W. Helms, J. J. Hill.
High Ridge—Elder W. C. Edwards, John Smith, J. B. Medlin
Howards Chapel—M. F. Coble, Arch Carpenter, Thomas Howard.
Jerusalem—C. B. Thomas, H. F. Curlee, T. F. Mills.
Jones Hill—Virgil Whitley, Walter Greene, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—Oscar Whitley, Stanly Burges, Oscar Broom.
Liberty Hill—J. T. Crisco, A. A. Gilbert, C. F. Morton.
Lawyers Spring—R. L. Horne, W. A. Dry, H. M. Baucom.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, Elder D. S. Jones.
Mountain Creek—Elder B. L. Treece, J. S. Misenheimer, J. C. Miller.
Pleasant Hill—J. M. Taylor, F. M. Helms, R. C. Perkins.
Pleasant Grove—L. L. Griffin, C. N. Mullis, T. A. Helms.
Philadelphia—S. J. McKiney, William Davis, Foster Beam.
Running Creek—W. T. Tucker, J. D. Eury, E. N. Hatley.
Union Grove—Ed Privett, S. D. Outen, F. L. Baucom
New Zion—W. M. Coley, S. M. Underwood.
Watson—Troy Simpson, W. A. Hargett, Joel Mullis.
Absentees marked thus *

BEAR CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

High Ridge, Union County, North Carolina
October 3, 1925.

Assembled at the Stand on church yard at 11 o'clock and Introductory Sermon preached by Elder B. L. Treece, Text 25 verse of 5 chapter of St. John. Intermission one hour for dinner.

About 1:30 p. m. convened in the house. Praise and prayer Service conducted by Elder R. O. Raulston a visitor from Chattanooga, Tenn. Then Elder W. C. Edwards resumed his seat and proceeded in usual order.

1. Called for the letters from the Several Churches. These handed in as called and read by brother H. M. Baucom.

2. Letters showed all the churches in peace and their messengers seated.

3. Re-elected Elder W. C. Edwards Moderator and J. W. Jones Clerk.

3. Invited visiting messengers from sister associations to seats. Elder H. M. Williams and the brother Bentleys of Silver Creek and Elder J. A. Cave of Senter were present and seated.

4. Invited visiting ministers, brethren and sisters from sister associations to seats. The following present and welcomed: Elders R. O. Raulston of Tenn.; S. G. Candill of Statesville, N. C.; J. R. Wilson of Danville, Va.; W. F. Pruett of Ruffin, N. C.; and brethren Idol and Snider of High Point, N. C. Minutes from Nolachnckey, Tenn.

5. Appointed a committee of arrangements as follows: Elder D. S. Jones and brothers J. S. Misenheimer and L. L. Griffin with Moderator and Clerk to report order of business for Monday.

6. Appointed brothers Jonas Misenheimer and C. W. Safley committee of Finance to report Monday.

7. That the following visiting ministers present are appointed and invited to preach at the Stand on Sunday, viz: Elders J. A. Cave, R. O. Raulston, S. G. Candill and W. F. Pruett. Service to commence at 10 a. m.

8. Adjourned to 9:30 a. m. Monday. Closed with

prayer by the Moderator. .

While the association was in Session in the house preaching service conducted at the Stand by Elders J. A. Cave and J. R. Wilson.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Preaching service, first by Elder J. A. Cave, Text 12 verse of 8 chapter of Hebrews, followed by Elder R. O. Raulston, Text "There is Now, therefore no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, etc." Intermission one hour for dinner.

Then Elder S. G. Candill preached from 12 to 15 verses of 2 chapter Phil., followed and closed by Elder W. F. Pruitt from 18 verse of 1 chapter of Isiah. The preaching was all good and comforting.

MONDAY MORNING, OCT. 5

Met in the house pursuant to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Henry Taylor.

9. Renewed invitation to visitors to seats.

10. Called on arrangement committee to report. Report read and approved.

11. Called roll of messengers, noted absentees and read Rules of Decorum.

12. Called on corresponding messengers to Sister associations to report. None reported.

13. Called on corresponding messengers from sister associations to report. Elder J. A. Cave of Senter reported peace and a desire to continue our correspondence. Same by Elder H. M. Williams of Silver Creek.

14. That we continue our correspondence with Sister associations and that any of our brethren who attends them are appointed to represent us in such meetings. Also continue to exchange minutes.

15. Called on Presbyteries to report. Brother Sam Rimmer reported that himself and Elder E. A. Long and Deacon J. F. Rurrus formed a Presbytery at Pleasant Hill church on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925, and ordained brother J. M. Taylor a Deacon. Also Elder D. S. Jones reported that himself and Elder Robt. Helms formed a Presbytery at Meadow Creek Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in August, 1925, and ordained brother

Minutes of the Ninety-Third Annual Session

of the

Bear Creek Primitive Baptist ASSOCIATION

was held with the church at

Liberty Hill, Stanley County, North Carolina

October 2nd, 3rd and 4th, 1925

They met at 11 o'clock

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder T. M. Standley.

After an intermission of one hour they met in the House where praise and prayer was led by Elder W. E. Williams.

1. Call for and read letters from the churches, and seated messengers.

2. Elected Eld. T. M. Stanley as moderator, and E. L. Harwood as clerk.

3. Appointed a committee on Arrangements—D. M. Hathcock, R. M. Hatley, W. E. Williams with moderator and clerk.

4. Committee on Finance—J. E. Russell and T. M. Broom.

5. Adjournment until following morning
First day's session dismissed at 10 p. m.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 3rd

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.
Praise and prayer was led by Eld. T. M. Broom.

6. Call on Committee on Arrangements to report. The committee reported: "We your Committee beg to submit the following report: That we have our minutes published in "The Lone Pilgrim." Get it before the Baptist at large on what we stand for, and what we had to do and why we did it; also republish our 1920 resolutions."

7. Appointed Eld. T. M. Standley, D. M. Hathcock, E. L. Harwood, J. E. Russell as messengers to the Black Creek association.

8. Called on presbyteries. No report.

9. Called on Committee on Finance. They reported—

Sent up by the churches this year	$10.50
Left on hand from last year	6.00
Total	$16.50
Printing of 1925 Minutes	15.00
Balance on hand	1.50

10. The clerk to serve as treasurer and have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed.

11. Our next Association to be held with the Church at Mountain Creek, six miles north of Albemarle; to begin on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1926.

ELDER T. M. STANDLEY, Moderator.
E. L. HARWOOD, Clerk.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED IN 1920

We the undersigned churches, once being in joint membership with the Bear Creek Association, but a portion of them having plunged so deeply into disorder, that we, of the faithful order, cannot endure it any longer, and withdrew and declare non-fellowship for the disorderly faction of the Bear Creek Association and all others that follow after or with them. We come out from them as one of old, hoping and trusting in the God of Heaven, walking as we hope in faith as Abraham of old trusting in God, who lead him and instructed him, and we trust He is with us—the same God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. As God was with them, we hope He is with us to guide us aright.

The Bear Creek Association was set up in the year 1832. We believe on the true principle of the Baptist, and we subscribe and maintain the same principle of our fathers and the waving party has departed from these true principles of our fathers, and we can no longer follow with them. We declare non-fellowship for their disorder and stand on the true platform of our

forefathers set up the Bear Creek Association. We are of the same faith and order contending for the true principles of God's kingdom.

Now we will give some of the gross disorder they have plunged so deeply into that we cannot fellowship, wherein the Mountain Creek church had to exclude B. L. Treece for telling lies and acting in poor faith, and other things he was guilty of. And inasmuch as the Moderator and Clerk and others with them of the disorderly faction of the Bear Creek Association recognizing B. L. Treece and others that were excluded with him, as being the Mountain Creek church and would not investigate the trouble. Although the Mountain Creek members plead for an investigation and the said disorderly faction would not hear nor allow the members of the Mountain Creek church to explain the trouble and they would not investigate. Although they went on and recognized B. L. Treece as being the Mountain Creek church. They are preaching him as an orderly preacher, which we can not fellowship and do hereby declare non-fellowship for the disorderly practice.

Be it understood that we have no fellowship for the J. R. Wilson faction, B. F. Caudle, C. W. Safley, nor any that follow with them.

ELDER T. M. STANDLEY, Moderator.
E. L. HARWOOD, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, translated by King James. is the written testimony of God, and the only ruler of our faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election by grace.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature or by his own free will or ability.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's supper and feet wash-

ings are ordinances of Jesus Christ and the only true mode of Baptism is by immersion.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

11. We believe the punishment of the wicked is everlasting and the joys of the righteous are eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinance except such as are regularly called and come under the hands of a Presbytery.

13. We believe it to be disorder for the member of the church to unite with any of the Secret Institutions of the day, that now are in existence, or that shall hereafter come in to practice.

CHURCH DECORUM

Preamble from a long series of experiences we, who hope we are, the Church of Christ at.....are convinced of the necessity of coming together as often as may be in order to hold conference and to discharge our duty in watching over each other as Christ hath commanded.

Ordered therefore that the following decorum be a rule for the church to conduct herself by in her future conferences. We will not forsake the house of God or the assembling of ourselves together. Nah. 10:39. Heb. 10:25.

Article 1—The conference shall be composed of the members of this church, together with any members of sister churches that are present in good standing and fellowship of the same faith and order who have liberty to seats with us. Acts 4:23; 15:6.

Article 2—The conference shall be opened and closed with praise to Almighty God. I Tim. 2:1. I Thiss. 5:17-18.

Article 3—One shall be chosen to preside who shall be addressed under the application of Brother Moderator and to whom every speech shall be particularly addressed. I Cor. 14:26-40.

Article 4—The members names being regularly enrolled shall be the clerk be distinctly called over when thought necessary by the church. Acts 1:15.

Article 5—A door shall be published open when thought necessary for the admission of new members into this church but none shall be admitted but by unanimous consent and who shall first verbally relate their experience or give an account of the work of God on their souls and when full satisfaction shall be obtained the Pastor, Deacon or Moderator shall manifest the same by giving them the right hand of fellowship thereby re-

ceiving them in the church. I Peter 3:15. Gal. 2:19.

Article 6—No complaint shall be brought in to conference against transgressing members respecting crimes of a private matter until the aggrieved party has complied with the directions given by our Lord in Matthew 18:15-17.

Article 7—Every motion made and second shall come under the consideration of the conference unless withdrawn by the member who made it. I Cor. 14:40.

Article 8—Every query presented shall be thrice read and before it is received the Moderator shall take a vote and accordingly as there is a majority for or against debating it; it shall be answered or not, but the querist may withdraw it at any time providing also that no indirect query shall be imposed or asked.

Article 9—If the minority shall be grieved at any time at the determination of the majority they are hereby directed to make the same known immediately to the church and if satisfaction cannot be obtained it may be necessary in that case to call for help from sister churches.

Article 10—All the business of the conference shall be recorded by the clerk and before conference rises the same shall be distinctly read and corrected, if need be.

Section 1. Any member refusing to attend conference the same is disorder.

Section 2. Any member absenting him or herself from conference without leave the same is disorder.

Section 3. Any member whispering or laughing in time of public speech the same is disorder.

Section 4. If two or more shall speak at one time or any member speak without rising up and addressing the Moderator the same is disorder.

Section 5. Any member speaking more than three times on one subject without leave, obtained the same is disorder.

Section 6. Any member being grieved at anything done in conference and shall hold his or her peace and shall not let the same be known until the conference rises and shall afterwards speak of the same, as it manifestly tends to confusion, it is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 7. Any member speaking or acting in wreath or anger or in a threatening, degrading manner as it shames religion, wounds the cause of Christ, and grieves true Christians, it is hereby deemed disorder.

Section 8. If the Moderator shall neglect to plainly and timely reprove any member transgressing any of these rules, or

misbehaving in any manner irreverently in time of conference the same is disorder in him, and himself is for the same liable to be reproved.

Section 9. The woman hath not a right by the law of Christ to usury authority over the man and therefore ought not to speak in the church only in case of conscience sake or in such particular circumstances that the matter of the thing may require it.

Section 10. If any member shall absent him or herself from conference as much as three times in succession shall render to this body the cause of it.

Section 11. The Moderator shall have the right to give his views on any subject or vote in case of a tie providing he appoints one to sit as Moderator while he makes his speech or gives his light on the matter.

COVENANT AND AGREEMENT

Article 1. It is understood and agreed upon by the church composing this Union that each church if it so chooses may send not more than three brethren with a letter, certifying their appointment; the number baptised during the year preceeding; received by letter; restored; dismissed by letter, excluded or died; also the total number in fellowship at the time of sending said letter.

Art. 2. It is understood that no church on becoming a member of this Union parts with or surrenders any of her rights, privileges, duties or responsibilities given her by the Great Head of the Church, and made binding on her in the New Testament.

Art. 3. It is further understood that all disciplinary power and right pertaining to membership or fellowship in the church belongs exclusively to the church or churches that this Union shall not assume the right to dictate to nor in any way interfere with he internal rights of the churches.

Art. 4. Any church of this Union may withdraw at pleasure either by letter or without it but in either case it will be expected that said church first give notice to the Union of her desire in this particular.

Art. 5. Any Church may be dropped from this Union compact by request of two or more churches but his nor any other act of the Union shall not of itself be regarded as officially importing or breaking church fellowship among the churches of this union nor the members of the churches; we regard all matters touching fellowship as belonging exclusively to the

Church or churches and requiring their official action to make it valid.

6. Art. 6. This Union shall not form any alliance correspondence or relation with any institution, secret or otherwise, except to correspond with other Primitive Baptist Unions, the churches which are known o be of the same faith and order with the churches composing this Union.

Art. 7. Churches petitioning for membership will be admitted on giving satisfactory evidence of their being of the same faith and order with the churches composing this Union.

Art. 8. This Union being formed by the churches as their chosen method to cultivate acquaintance and promote unity and correspondence among Primitive Baptist of like precious faith and order and will have no other article of faith than that which each church already has and which each member of this body has already endorsed and to which he is amenable in the church of which he is a member.

Art. 9. Whatever may be the deficiency in the wording of Union agreement nothing herein will be so construed as to imply that this Union is in any way a separate and distinct institution from the churches and no amendment shall ever be made constituting it a body separate from and independent of the churches of which it is composed.

Art. 10. The Union shall have a moderator and clerk of the body and it is agreed that the moderator and clerk of the church with which the Union convenes shall be the moderator and clerk of the Union in case of their absence the members present shall elect others to serve pro tem.

CHURCHES WITH CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES ALSO COMMUNION SUNDAYS

Albemarle—E. L. Harwood, R. 4, Albemarle, N. C.—Third Sunday in August.

Liberty Hill—L. C. Blackwilder, R. 2., Mt. Pleasant, N. C.—Fourth Sunday in July.

Jones Hill—J. S. Little, R. 2., Oaksboro, N. C.—Third Sunday in September.

Mountain Creek—J. E. Russell, R. 2., Albemarle, N. C.,—Second Sunday in September.

Meadow Creek—D. M. Hathcock, Stonfield, N. C.—Fourth Sunday in August.

Pleasant View—W. E. Williams, Monroe, N. C.—Second Sunday in August.

H. A. Williams a Deacon and that himself and Elders Robt. Helms and Jason Eudy formed a Presbytery at Clarks Grove church on Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1925, and ordained brother R. J. Lee a Deacon.

16. That our coming Spring Session convene with the church at Pleasant Grove, Union County, N. C., on Saturday before the first Sunday in May, 1926, and that Elder Jason Eudy preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Will A. Helms his alternate and Service commence at 11 o'clock a. m.

And that our next Annual or Fall Session be held with the church at Union Grove, Union County, N. C., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1926, that Elder J. M. Bagwell be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder W. C. Edwards his alternate. Service to commence at 11 a. m.

17. Treasurer read last year's financial Statement which showed now on hand from last year.....$ 4.05

18. Finance Committee reported sent up this year 120.60

Total minute and Associational Fund $124.65

19. That the Clerk be Treasurer and superintend the printing of 1100 copies of these minutes and distribute them out as usual and that we allow him same amount as last year for his services to the association.

20. That we return thanks to God and this church and brethren, sisters and friends of the community for kind hospitality during this meeting.

21. Agreed to distribute surplus funds to ministers present.

22. Above minutes read and approved.

23. Then adjourned to times and places above mentioned. Short prayer by the Moderator. Preaching at the Stand on Monday by Elders J. A. Cave and R. O. Raulston.

Elder W. C. EDWARDS, Modertor, Wingate, N. C.
J. W. JONES, Clerk, Peachland, N. C.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, YEAR 1925

Sent up by the churches for minute and Assso-ciational Expenses	$120.60
Left over from last year	4.05
Total Funds	$124.65

Disbursements

For Printing and Mailing Minutes	$45.00	
Allowance to Clerk	15.00	
Distributed to Ministers	64.00	
Total Spent	$124.00	$124.00
Left in Treasury		65cts

MESSENGERS FALL SESSION 1925

Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee*, A. J. Furr, Harvey Almond.
Bethany—Represented by Elder J. F. Mills.
Concord—J. L. Overcash, J. F. Burrus, James Hinson
Clarks Grove—Elder Jason Eudy, Robt. Lee, G. W. Barbee.
Crooked Creek—Gilbert Benton, L. L. Little, Luther Williams.
Flat Lake—Lacy Craven, C. F. Dunn, O. F. Haywood
Freedom—Not represented.
High Hill—S. H. Edwards, G. W. Helms, C. A. Helms.
High Ridge—Grover Mills, John Smith, J. P. Rushing.
Howards Chapel—Arch Carpenter, S. L. Taylor, Thomas Howard.
Jerusalem—W. E. Moore, W. A. Helms, J. W. Edwards.
Jones Hill—Virgil Whitley, Walter Greene, A. A. Morton.
Liberty—Elder H. Taylor, J. B. Whitley, Oscar Broom.
Liberty Hill—John Crisco, C. W. Safley, C. F. Morton.
Lawyers Spring—J. W. Jones, H. M. Baucom, W. A. Dry
Meadow Creek—Slder D. S. Jones, H. A. Williams.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Misenheimer, W. R. Morton, W. P. Almond*.
New Zion—Elder W. A. Helms, S. M. Underwood, M. A. Helms.
Pleasant Hill—Henry Hope*, J. M. Taylor*, H. P. Cashion.
Pleasant Grove—L. L. Griffin, T. A. Helms, Lonnie Mills.
Philadelphia—Foster Beam, S. J. McKiney, William Daves.
Running Creek—R. F. Almond, J. D. Eury, E. N. Hatley.
Union Grove—F. P. Deese, G. C. Baucom, L. W. Medlin.
Watson—Troy Simpson, Oscar Mullis, Preston Helms.
Absentees marked thus *

ANNUAL TABLE FOR 1925 STATISTICS

CHURCHES	By Experience and Baptism	Received by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution
Bear Creek	1		1				21	$ 3.35
Bethany							2	1.50
Concord	1			1		1	16	1.50
Clarks Grove	1						18	5.00
Crooked Creek				1			17	4.00
Flat Lake	3				2	2	12	3.50
Freedom							5	
High Hill	1			1	1	3	44	5.00
High Ridge							30	5.00
Howards Chapel	3				2		26	6.80
Jerusalem	2				1	2	34	8.40
Jones Hill	1						23	4.00
Liberty				3			19	2.50
Liberty Hill	12		1				23	3.00
Lawyers Spring	4	2			1	1	59	13.55
Meadow Creek	2	1					14	5.00
Mountain Creek	3			1			18	5.00
New Zion	1	2	4				20	4.00
Pleasant Hill				2	1		24	5.00
Pleasant Grove				2	2	1	42	10.00
Philadelphia						1	21	2.55
Running Creek							20	5.00
Union Grove	2	4				1	40	10.00
Watson	1		1		1	1	24	4.50
Totals 24 churches	37	9	7	11	11	13	580	$120.60

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, 1924

Communion

Sunday

Bear Creek—J. A. Barbee, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. .....1st in August
Bethany—Mrs. Fannie Safly, Rt. A, Wadesboro, N. C. 3d in Aug.
Concord—J. L. Overcash, Concord, N. C. ..... 3rd in Aug.
Clarks Grove—G. W. Barbee, Midlind, N. C. ..... 2nd in July
Crooked Creek—L. L. Little, Unionville, N. C. .....4th in July
Freedom—J. W. Deese, Rt. 6, Albemarle, N. C.
Flat Lake—O. F. Haywood, Mt. Gilead, N. C. .....4th in July
High Hill—W. M. Clontz, Rt. 1, Unionville, N. C. .....1st in Sept.
High Ridge—J. B. Medlin, Rt. 1, Marshville, N. C. 3rd in July
Howards Chapel—Arch Carpenter, Rt. 1, Norwood, N. C. 1st Sept.
Jerusalem—T. F. Mills, Marshville, N. C. ..... 2nd in Aug.
Jones Hill—Walter Greene, Rt. 1, Oakboro, N. C. .....3rd in Sept.
Liberty—J. B. Whitley, Rt. 7, Monroe, N. C.
Liberty Hill—C. F. Morton, Oakboro, N. C. .....4th in July
Lawyers Spring—H. M. Baucom, Peachland, N. C. .....1st in Aug.
Meadow Creek—H. A. Williams, Stanfield, N. C. .....3rd in Aug.
Mountain Creek—J. S. Misenheimer, Rt. 2, Albemarle,
N. C. ..... 3rd in July
Pleasant Grove—T. A. Helms, Marshville, N. C. .....2nd in July
Pleasant Hill—H. P. Cashion, Rt. 2, Barber, N. C. 4th in June
New Zion--J. P. Whitley, Harrisburg, N. C.
Philadelphia--FosterBeam, Ellenboro, N. C. 4th in Aug.
Running Creek—J. H. McClure, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant
N. C. ..... 2nd in Aug.
Union Grove—A. E. Little, Unionville, N. C. ..... 2nd in Sept.
Watson—S. L. Mullis, Rt. 2, Unionville, N. C. ..... 4th in May

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF OUR ORDAINED MINISTERS

Elder J. F. Mills, Route 1, Marshville, N. C.

Elder W. C. Edwards, Wingate, N. C.

Elder Henry Taylor, Monroe, N. C.

Elder B. L. Treece, Route 2, Albemarle, N. C.

Elder W. R. Helms, Mt. Pleasant, N. C.

Elder D. S. Jones, Stanfield, N. C.

Elder J. M. Bagwell, Monroe, N. C.

Elder Jason Eudy, Oakboro, N. C.

Elder Will A. Helms, Rt. 7, Concord, N. C.

RULES OF DECORUM

1st. A Moderator, or Chief Speaker, and Clerk may be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

2nd. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall take his seat at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and after prayer shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as that of another member; provided, he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of such privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3rd. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Chief Speaker by the application of brother, and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question and shall not be interrupted unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker, so as to make remarks on his slips and failings and imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism

4th. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject without leave of the Association.

5th. No person shall absent himself from the Association without leave.

6th. No member of the Association shall address any other member by any other term or name than that of brother.

7th. The Chief Speaker, or Moderator, shall not interrupt one member to prohibit him from speaking until his speech is finished, except he break the Rules of Decorum.

8th. The names of all members of the Association shall be enrolled by the clerk, and be called over as often as the Association may require.

9th. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break or violate any of the foregoing rules of this Association, shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one only living and true God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost.

Art. 2. We believe in the man Jesus being the first of all God's creation and the pattern of all God's perfection in nature, providence, grace and glory, and in relative union with the divine word, and thus united with the whole Trinity.

Art. 3. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New testaments contain the only written revealed word of God, and are the only perfect rule of faith and practice for God's church in her militant state while here on earth.

Art. 4. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His church in Christ Jesus before the world began.

Art. 5. We believe in all mankind's apostacy by transgression in Adam, the federal head.

Art. 6. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

Art. 7. We believe in the impotency of man to recover himself from his fallen state by his own free will and ability.

Art. 8. We believe that sinners are justified freely by grace and before God by faith in Christ and his righteousness only.

Art. 9. We believe that God's elect or church shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit in due time.

Art. 10. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never really fall away.

Art. 11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Christ's appointment and that believers alone are the subjects of baptism and the only proper communicants of the supper; that the mode of baptism is immersion, and that neither of the ordinances is to be altered or changed by the inventions or opinions of men.

Art. 12. We believe that no man as a minister has any right to the administration of any of the ordinances of the gospel except such as are sound in the faith of the gospel, regularly baptised, called of God and have come under the imposition of hands by a regular Presbytery.

Art. 13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both the just and the unjust, and a general judgment.

Art. 14. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.